

### The East Africa Project Newsletter

## Pressed on every side

"I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator and King. I am the LORD, who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea." Is. 43:15-16



Discouragement – sometimes it creeps up on you, sometimes it ambushes you. It can leave you sad, fearful, defeated, and exhausted. It can cause you to question and doubt. It will make you think about giving up. Paul talked about it in 2nd Corinthians 4: "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed."(v.8-9)

If you have been following Kenyan news at all, you know there have been many financial difficulties in Kenya. The newly elected Kenyan President William Ruto has enacted a contentious new finance bill which introduced of a series of new taxes, amidst fierce criticism from the opposition and public. You may have seen stories of demonstrations on the streets of Nairobi. Last month we felt the impact of those reforms when our container full of donated bibles, study materials, computer CPU's, fabric and sewing supplies was held up in customs and 'revalued' by the government. We had paid the duties that were originally required and thought everything was good. However, due to the new laws that have just been enacted, the customs officials raised the duties owed by over \$9,000. This is the third container we have sent, and we set the value based on the fact that these were donated items. Under the new laws they say we've undervalued them and now added a fine on top of the extra duties. Our friend Baron Muga was spearheading things for us on the Kenyan side and for a moment we thought he might be personally fined. To say I was discouraged is an understatement! I have to admit that I had a moment where I wondered if all this was worth it...

BUT GOD! We shared the saga with several of you and asked you to pray. God didn't answer the prayer the way I thought He should, but He answered in His way! He provided financially through a couple of ways. Provision came from several different places and in ways and amounts that astounded me! In one case, seeds that were planted 3 years ago but were dormant sprouted and provided financially. God protected Baron through everything, and the container was finally released. All our materials have been safely offloaded and are now being readied for distribution! (continued inside)

There is still much for you to pray about. We have another container of, among other study material, 10,000 Swahili New Testaments that was already on its way. Right now, we don't have the funds for the new customs fees. Baron is working on an appeal he thinks might have a shot at reducing the amount. But somehow we know God will make a way for His Word to get into the hands of 10,000 Kenyan souls!

BUT GOD! He knows the circumstances and He is always there for us. He makes a way when there seems to be no way. He hears our cries and gives us peace. He may not answer every prayer the way we want him to, but He always answers. Later in the same chapter Paul gave us this encouragement: "For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."(v.17-18) When things get tough and circumstances overwhelm us it's tempting to give into the fear and quit. But we need to remember that, as Zach Williams sang, "Fear is a Liar!". BUT "perfect love casts out all fear!"

"Fear he is a liar, He will take your breath, Stop you in your steps Fear he is a liar, He will rob your rest, Steal your happiness Cast your fear in the fire 'Cause fear he is a liar"

Fear Is a Liar lyrics © Essential Music Publishing

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. " Eccl 4:12 NLT

#### Partner Spotlight—Crosslink Memphis



Crosslink Memphis is a medical supply ministry that exists to equip medical mission teams to share the Gospel as they go. When they share this mission, many people connect this to international medical mission teams; however, it is their belief

that all Christians are on mission wherever they are going. As such, they are serving not only International Medical Mission teams, but local charity clinics, pregnancy help centers, and churches.

Crosslink Memphis began in Memphis in 2004 as a satellite site for Crosslink International, LTD., a medical mission medicine and supply ministry located in Virgina. On June 1, 2012, Crosslink International – Memphis became Crosslink Memphis, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization as well as a licensed Pharmaceutical Wholesaler.

The East Africa Project helped facilitate a donation of over 40 boxes of brand-new scrubs from The Superior Group of Companies in Eudora, AR.

#### Partner Spotlight—Legacy Thrift

Operating as a non-profit organization, Legacy Thrift is able to focus their profits on sending Bibles to the mission field and supporting missions in Cambodia through Bellevue's Missions Ministry. The store also provides Bibles to Bellevue's Prison Ministry, as well as training materials for Pioneer Evangelism in Central and South America, Africa, and Asia. As a part of our partnership, Legacy Thrift helps provide Bibles for our ministry partners



in East Africa. Proceeds also help to send short and mid term missions teams to Kenya.

#### Partner Spotlight—

#### **Superior Group of Companies**

The Superior Uniform Group in Eudora, AR is a part of the Superior Group of Companies family. The Superior Group has donated millions of articles of clothing to various foundations and missions all over the world. Eudora Plant Manager Freddie Stanley has been partnering with The East Africa Project for the last year, donating sewing supplies and fabric, medical scrubs, shirts, and shoes to our partners in Africa. Many of those items were on the container we wrote about at the beginning of this newsletter.

The Eudora plant recently donated several hundred boxes of scrubs, shirts, uniform clothing, fabric, and thread which was split between Crosslink Memphis and Legacy Thrift. Both of these organizations have helped The East Africa Project in different ways over the past few years.

# Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ways to Donate:

- Online at www.theeastafricaproject.com/donate
- ❖ Make checks out to: "The East Africa Project" and send to:
  - 9160 Hwy 64, Suite 12-262, Lakeland, TN 38002
- Bill pay through your bank's online service
- PayPal/Zelle

# 2023 Investment Opportunities

- One month salary for the training coordinator for The Rebecca House ongoing. \$100
- One new treadle sewing machine for a widow to learn tailoring. Upon graduation that machine will become hers: \$350
- Purchase ARC Welding Equipment for the Tentmaker Complex in Turbo (Pastor Samson) \$2,500.
- Purchase a tent and 100 chairs for the Catering Kitchen at The Rebecca House to allow the catering school to provide full service event services: \$3,500
- Customs clearance, import duties and transportation costs for one container of donated bibles and bible study materials to be shipped to Kenya: \$9,500.
- Construction of a Vo-tech center at the
   Mt. Elgon School of Ministry: \$25,000
- Milling center complex which will provide ongoing income for the Seeds ministries in Kitale \$300,000

The East Africa Project Newsletter

Jeff Moser - President 9160 Hwy 64 Suite 12-262 Lakeland, TN 38002





"It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it." Is. 55:11

